

WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 2009 AS FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH IN WEST VALLEY CITY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of West Valley City has the honor of recognizing outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 55th year that firefighters throughout the country and Utah have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in the fight against neuromuscular disease. Utah firefighters collected \$340,000 for Jerry's Kids; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) across the nation are the single largest contributor to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and will participate in Fill-the-Boot campaigns across the nation to raise much needed funds to provide comprehensive medical services to tens of thousands of adults and children with neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency – a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive medical and community services, a nationwide services program, a network of clinics, summer camps, and far-reaching professional and public health education. It was created in 1950 by a driven group of parents whose children were living with muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, West Valley City recognizes MDA's exceptional achievements with research grants, support groups, summer camps, and fundraising events, and commends MDA for a job well done; and

WHEREAS, MDA is the first non-profit recognized by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis J. Nordfelt, Mayor of West Valley City, do hereby proclaim August, as *West Valley Firefighter Appreciation Month* and encourage residents to show their appreciation to firefighters throughout the City, and continue to assist them in their efforts to help the MDA.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2009.

WEST VALLEY CITY

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER